

selection of Esquimalt as the terminus of the Canadian Pacific Railway—definitely located the line upon the mainland *via* Fraser River, and called for tenders for a portion of the railway in the interior of the Province, but so far as known has not taken any steps to proceed with the construction of the railway between Esquimalt and Nanaimo, to which for so many years and in so many ways it stands pledged and committed,

“13. *And Whereas*, good faith and a continuance of satisfactory relations with the Province require a speedy, active commencement of the railway between Esquimalt and Nanaimo, the construction of which is of vital importance to the development of the resources of the Vancouver Island portion of British Columbia, which contains more than half the population of the Province, and contributes a very large proportion of the revenue paid by said Province to the Dominion,

“*Be it therefore resolved*, that Sir John A. Macdonald, M.P., Hon. Amor DeCosmos, M.P., Hon. A. Bunster, M.P., and Senator Macdonald, as members in the Dominion House of Commons and Senate of Canada for Victoria City and Vancouver Island, be and are hereby instructed to urge and impress upon the Dominion Government the necessity of making such provision this Session of Parliament as will secure, *this summer*, the prosecution of this most important work.”

Coming to another very important question as regards British Columbia, I hold in my hand resolutions from the Workmen's Association of that Province, praying the Government for the insertion of a clause in the Railway contract prohibiting the employment of Chinese labour in the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway. This exclusion is desirable for various reasons. The Chinese, as a rule hoard their money and send it to China; hence its scarcity to some extent in the Pacific Province and Canada generally. We have no idea of the magnitude of the evil befalling and certain to befall us in consequence of the importation of these people. They will swarm the whole country along the line of the road as contractors will employ the cheapest labour. White labourers, English, Irish and Scotch, would settle along the road and add to the revenue and prosperity of the country. Chinese would contribute nothing, except rice were taxed more heavily. Last year, I asked the Government to impose on it ten cents per lb., and opium ten dollars per lb. with that object. The present tax is nothing, and we will have to struggle before very long to protect our own race against four hundred and eighty millions of Chinamen,

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who can send fifty millions to swarm us out, an operation already commencing, perhaps. Are we to protect a race that has no respect for our laws, religion or institutions, and does not contribute to our revenue, but robs us in various ways, while guilty of practices not to be described? I hope the Government will, before we meet again, watching over the interests of the Dominion, pass orders preventing the immigration of the Chinese. In California they nearly had a civil war on their account. The people of British Columbia have not been visited by any Minister lately, but would like to see one or two of these gentlemen out there in order that they may be able to see for themselves, and report the result of their observations to their colleagues. There has not been a visit to the Province from any responsible authority since the Pacific Province entered the Union, excepting in 1871, when the present Minister of Public Works (Mr. Langevin) paid his official visit, and much good, certainly, had resulted therefrom. We should like to see him again, and, with him, the senior member for Victoria (Sir John A. Macdonald). I would guarantee them a reception that would be worthy of the country and of its distinguished visitors. While on this subject, I desire to congratulate the Dominion on the honours recently conferred by Her Majesty on some of its leading statesmen. British Columbia is especially proud that the greatest honour ever conferred a colonial statesman has been accorded to her senior representative, the present Prime Minister, who, in August last, was made a member of Her Majesty's Imperial Privy Council. We also feel proud of the honours to the Minister of Railways, though I must say he has scarcely done us full justice in the matter of the railway, but we hope for a better state of things before very long. The member for Lambton (Mr. Mackenzie) said he was sorry money had been invested in the Pacific Province. Neither himself nor his colleagues ever visited it, though they sent out agents to buy a Province that was not in the market. We are not to be bought. We merely want our rights. I also desire to congratulate the Minister of Finance on being knighted—an honour he has fully merited by a long life of usefulness and honour. But while congratulating these gentlemen